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REMARKS

The Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the finding of allowable subject matter. Applicant has amended claims 1, 5, 12, 19, and 20; claims 1-20 remain pending in the application and presented for examination. Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Response To Rejections Under Section 112:

Claims 1-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, the Examiner stating that the specification does not provide enablement for the claims as originally presented. In response, the Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 12, and 20 to ensure alignment with the scope of the disclosure.

Claims 5 and 9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, the Examiner stating that the language therein is indefinite, as filed. In response, the Applicant has amended these claims to more clearly define the present invention.

Request For Allowance Of Claims 1-20:

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 1, 12, and 20 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under Section 112. The Examiner also indicated that claims 2-11 and 13-19 contained patentable subject matter and would be allowed if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under Section 112 and to include the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims.

In view of the amendments to claims 1, 12, and 20, the Applicant respectfully submits that dependent claims 1, 12, and 20, as well as dependent claims 2-11 and 13-19, are in condition for allowance and hereby requests the allowance thereof.

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CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the objections and rejections set forth in the outstanding Office Action are inapplicable to the present claims and specification. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider the objections and rejections and timely pass the application to allowance.

The undersigned has made a good faith effort to respond to all of the objections and rejections in the application and to place the claims in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any questions concerning this paper or application, or if any undeveloped issues or questions remain, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney to resolve such issue or question. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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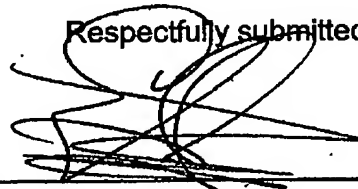
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